

### We Reluctantly Reply.

The communication in this issue signed Harvey W. Mitchum is such a radical collection of words, and misleading statements were it not that we wish to make a comparison for the enlightenment of the public we would not waste our space by giving it attention. A casual reader can see at a glance the motives prompting his wild appeal to ignorant prejudice, and we make an humble apology for taking any notice of it.

We will point out Mr. Mitchum's inaccuracies in their order. It is not true that the delegation was instructed to levy a two mill tax for the purpose of erecting a new court house, "and one mill will be all that is necessary."

He says the vote was 16 in favor of the court house proposition and 10 against, and of those voting in favor was THE TIMES Editor. The vote was 26 for, and against, and THE TIMES Editor did not vote either way because he was presiding, but would have voted with the majority had it been necessary.

He intimates the town of Manning treated the balance of the county unfairly, and speaks of those leaving the court house in disgust on account of the wrangling, and says those favoring the court house proposition sent out into the streets to secure enough voters to win the recommendation for the levy. In the first place, very few of the citizens of Manning attended the meeting and their staying away was for the purpose of giving any demagogue no chance or semblance of an excuse to appeal to town against county prejudice. We do not think there was present at the time of taking the vote over seven town persons, but when the meeting opened there were at least twenty, the majority became disgusted at the presumptions, and sickening speeches that were being made, they left; some of them saying that "the old time nigger powwows were more decently carried on." We know of no sending out on the streets for votes, and if they were sent for, those who came in were from the county.

Mr. Mitchum knows that a majority of the people of Clarendon are opposed to building a new court house, just how he knows so much we cannot say. This guardian of our treasury must have talked with all of the people, he has been very busy looking after whether or not the people want a new court house. If did, we do not see how he has been able to attend to his business of teaching the school for which he is being paid a salary out of the public treasury. If he has been running about the county polling the sentiment, he has been neglecting his school duties. The fact is, Mr. Mitchum has been, and is now a beneficiary of our public treasury, and he has drawn more money from the people's taxes than he has paid in taxes. His lack of financial knowledge is displayed in what he says about the ultimate cost of the court house.

Mr. Mitchum would have us stand still, make no improvements, live as did our grandfathers when the country was not developed, there were no public schools, no public colleges, and we may say no freedom for the poorer class of white people; all men have a voice in our government to-day, whereas, in the days of our grandfathers not all men were even permitted to vote. It will not do to retrograde back to the days of the great grand fathers, it would bring about a very unhappy condition for some.

We agree with Mr. Mitchum when he says he is not a politician, but from his maudlin speeches and writing, he evidently would like to be; but deliver us from evil the good Book teaches, and it would indeed be an affliction should ever he become a politician.

We have not the space nor the inclination to waste time in making a more extended reply, but Mr. Mitchum's reference to the Editor of THE TIMES having "become so warped since his election that he seems blind to the interests of his constituents and deaf to their entreaties" is such an outrageous misrepresentation that we must say a few words. THE TIMES Editor represents the people, and not a few individuals who get all they possibly can from the public, and who are opposed to giving anything in return. They are opposed to all progress, would not consent to any taxation, and if such people governed it would mean stagnation, ignorance and vice would prevail. THE TIMES Editor realizes that it often happens there are people who must be saved from themselves, they need the guard-

ianship of men of patriotism and sense, and further, THE TIMES Editor is the reverse of being blind to the interests of his constituents. He does what he conceives to be right, what is best for today, and for the time to come without taking into consideration the effect it will have upon Mr. Mitchum's vote, and the record will prove that THE TIMES Editor has done more for the public good than a regiment of men like Harvey W. Mitchum.

We have wasted too much time and space already; we take from the records a comparative statement of two taxpayers, one favoring the building of a new court house, because it is realized that the county needs it, and that the investment is wise, the other is "agin it" because progress is not a part of his make-up and he does not believe in taxation anyway. The taxpayers of this county about the largest taxpayers we have, and who favor the building of a safe and comfortable court house as a business proposition, pay taxes on \$125,595 worth of property, and their proportion of the increased tax will be \$125.59. Mr. Harvey W. Mitchum pays taxes on \$120 worth of property, poll and a dog, his proportion of the increased tax will be 12 cents, and if 40 year bonds are issued, and Mr. Mitchum continues paying 12 cents a year he will have paid on the new court house in forty years the sum of \$4.80; less than five dollars, this small amount he should be willing to pay for the privilege of dramatically proclaiming in the new court house "By the eternal gods this thing of taxation must stop."

### TIME SHOULD BE GIVEN.

Should the legislature at the coming session repeal the lien law without giving a reasonable time to permit citizens to prepare themselves for the changed conditions, what will be done about those liens that will be given between January 1st, and the date when the repealing Act is signed by the Governor? Those who are so urgent about repealing the lien law to go into effect at once, have lost sight of the fact that the legislature does not convene until January 14 and it will be about the middle of February before the law can be repealed, between January 1st, and February 15th, is six weeks in which those wishing to do a lien business can do so, and the liens taken will be as good for the year 1908 as they were before the repealing statute was enacted. It will therefore be seen that it is folly to insist upon repealing the lien law to go into effect immediately, but instead, if the people insist upon the repeal, let the repealing Act give a reasonable length of time for the adjustment to the new conditions. Unless such a time is given, and the legislature recklessly strikes down a business system which has been in vogue nearly a half century, the commercial interests of the State will be so badly hampered as to verge on to general bankruptcy. It will effect the general interests as badly as does a conquering army passing through a conquered country.

It is our judgment the lien law will be repealed at this session of the legislature, the agitation of the politician has created such a sentiment, that it is a demand; the only thing now left those who do not believe the repealing of the lien law is a panacea for all the woes the farmers have been subjected to, is to make the effort to convince the majority that it is not wise legislation to strike down a business custom with one fell blow, but if a change is to be made to give a reasonable time in order to prevent a commercial chaos.

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The showing made by the auditing experts employed to investigate the open accounts of the old State dispensary was not at all startling, because everybody expected something of the kind, but whether the investigation should go on is for the next legislature. We believe the probing should continue, until every transaction from the first to the last had been investigated, and we believe if the early transactions ever have the light turned on them there will be a very rotten condition shown. Do not make bone of one and flesh of another, let's get at the truth; the legislature should provide the means to know where every dollar of the people's money was spent, and whether there were any of the State's trusted officials who got rebates, not stop with investigating the last board, but investigate every board, and every official including the administration that inaugurated the State dispensary system. Senator Tillman himself will, we have no doubt, agree with us.

The money market does not seem to have loosened up in this part of the country nor do we expect better financial condition until after the holidays. Cotton is gradually advancing but that is due entirely to the demand for the raw material, and if the great cotton belt will tighten its grip upon the cotton already in warehouses, after the holidays the price, as money is let loose, will go bounding up.

Senator Tillman has begun to get busy by introducing resolutions inquiring into Secretary Cortelyou's action to relieve the money stringency. The senator will make things sizz when he gets a chance to speak to his resolutions; the whole thing will amount to making some political capital for the politicians in next summer's national campaign, and nothing more, and too. South Carolina's other senator has put in a resolution asking for a report on drainage. One of our senators making capital for the army of wind-jammers, the other making capital for his own sweet self.

### Ishmaelish "Agin It."

Editor The Manning Times:

Jordan S. C. Dec. 4, 1907.

To the citizens of Clarendon County, on last Monday at the court house in Manning was held a mass meeting, at which Clarendon's delegation in the legislature was instructed to levy a two mill tax for the purpose of erecting a new court house where the old one now stands.

At the time the vote was taken there was by actual count twenty-six persons present, ten voting against and sixteen for the levy of the tax. Of the late number were the Editor of THE MANNING TIMES, R. D. Cottrhan, C. R. Sprott, E. D. Hodge, and three lawyers of the Manning bar.

If the writer thought that the balance of the county had been treated fairly by the town of Manning, this article would never have been written, but unfortunately at the beginning of the meeting, while other matters were under discussion, there was much wrangling and a great many citizens whom we knew to be opposed to this move, had become weary and left the court house when the other side actually sent into the streets and brought in enough to win out and secure the recommendation of the levy.

Now we know that a majority of the taxpayers of Clarendon are opposed to the building of a new court house at this time, but if the action of this meeting is allowed to go unchallenged our delegation will in the eyes of the public, go to Columbia pledged to give us a new court house and saddle upon the county at least \$80,000 more while the county is now almost bankrupt from high tax and mismanagement and at a time when the finances of the whole country is in a more precarious condition than it ever has been, since the founding of this Republic.

If we believe that the voters of this county were really in favor of this movement we would be the last person to raise an objection but they are not in favor of it.

We are told that the plan of the champions of this movement, will be to bond the county with twenty-year 5 per cent bonds. This of course means \$30,000 each year that Clarendon will have raise in the way of interest for twenty years and then retire the bonds which means that by the time we finish paying up, our court house will have cost us the snug sum of \$120,000. These champions laugh and tell us that we want have it to pay, but that we will bequeath it to our children as a heritage, and this is the very point that makes the man who looks for ahead, and who has the welfare of his country at heart, uneasy. For if this principle of levying more tax keeps up at the present rate, by the time we are ready to turn the county over to our children, they will be so tax ridden that they will resort to any means to rid them selves of the burden.

We know it to be a fact that the tax of our fathers are more burdensome than that of our grand fathers and that our taxes are heavier than that of our fathers, so much so that this generation has commenced to chafe under

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Richland Distilling Co.	X Corn.	125 bbls.	\$1.47 gallon	\$2.00 gal.
	X Gro.	50 "	1.49 "	2.25 gal.
	X Rye.	40 "	1.49 "	2.25 gal.
	XX Five.	50 "	1.70 "	2.25 gal.
	Medial Gin.	50 "	1.43 "	2.25 gal.
	White Lot Corn.	10 "	1.43 "	2.25 gal.
Big Four Distilling Co.	Shaw's Malt.	250 qts.	73c qt.	1.10 qt.
	"	500 pts.	40c pt.	60c pt.
	"	1,000 pts.	22c pt.	30c pt.
Georgia and Kentucky Co.	Amberg Cordial.	250 qts.	58c qt.	\$1.00 qt.
	"	1,000 pts.	23c pt.	60c pt.
	"	3,000 pts.	14c pt.	30c pt.
Big Spring Distilling Co.	Banana Brandy.	250 qts.	60c qt.	\$1.00 qt.
	"	1,000 pts.	30c pt.	60c pt.
	"	3,000 pts.	15c pt.	30c pt.
Wright & Taylor.	Old Charter Rye.	350 qts.	83c qt.	\$1.25 qt.
	"	240 qts.	45c qt.	60c pt.
	"	150 qts.	25c qt.	40c pt.
	Ky. Taylor Rye.	240 qts.	83c qt.	\$1.25 qt.
	Duffy's Malt.	60 qts.	75c qt.	1.00 qt.
	"	120 pts.	42c pt.	60c pt.
	"	250 pts.	24c pt.	35c pt.
United Distributing Co.	2-Stamp Malt Corn.	5 bbls.	\$1.80 gal.	\$2.25 gal.
	XXXX Corn.	3 bbls.	1.65 gal.	2.25 gal.
S. Grafelder & Co.	Old Tom Gin.	60 qts.	62c qt.	\$1.00 qt.
	"	240 pts.	34c pt.	60c pt.
	"	1,200 pts.	18c pt.	30c pt.
Garrett & Co.	Domestic Wines.	75 qts.	35c qt.	50c qt.
	"	250 qts.	21c qt.	30c qt.
	"	2 bbls.	75c gal.	\$1.50 gal.
K. A. Sanders & Sons Co.	Va. Mountain Corn.	5 bbls.	\$1.85 gal.	2.50 gal.
	Alcohol.	12 qts.	90c qt.	1.50 qt.
	"	48 pts.	45c pt.	75c pt.
	"	96 pts.	25c pt.	50c pt.
Meyer, Fritz & Co.	Stokes County Corn.	3 bbls.	\$1.65 gal.	\$2.25 gal.
Strass, Fritz & Co.	Blackwood Rye.	60 qts.	60c qt.	1.25 qt.
	"	120 qts.	30c qt.	50c qt.
	"	240 qts.	15c qt.	40c qt.
	Apple Brandy.	3 bbls.	\$1.64 gal.	\$1.00 gal.
	Peach Brandy.	3 bbls.	1.64 gal.	1.00 gal.
Paul Jones & Co.	"Four Roses" Rye.	240 qts.	35c qt.	50c qt.
Roskam, Gensley & Co.	Old Saratoga Rye.	60 qts.	\$1.15 qt.	\$1.50 qt.
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